

JOHN CORNWELL BACKS DOWN

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FAILS TO REPLY TO AN OPEN LETTER

ANTI-LABOR RECORD OF WILSON PULLED ON HIM

Governor Hatfield Propounds Some "Stunners" to the Democratic Nominee.

LATTER IS SPEECHLESS

Cornwell Finds Himself Unable to Meet Facts and Figures Given by Governor.

(SPECIAL TO THE TELEGRAM) CHARLESTON, Oct. 26.—John J. Cornwell backed down last night in his speech here and failed to reply to an open letter addressed to him by Governor H. D. Hatfield submitting certain questions to him for answer in connection with Cornwell's widely heralded statement that his predictions of 1904 as to the failure of the Dawson tax law system had been realized.

Governor Hatfield pointed out in his letter that Mr. Cornwell had refused to meet him in joint debate and he took the opportunity to ask him about certain facts bearing on the statements of Cornwell as to his predictions of failure of the Dawson tax system.

Cornwell made no effort to answer the governor's statements in which it was pointed out among other things that if the same system of taxation prevailed now, as during the Democratic regime in the state ending in 1897, the direct levy today would be \$129 cents on each \$100 valuation instead of nine cents.

A large crowd of Republicans was attracted to Cornwell's meeting expecting him to reply to Governor Hatfield's interrogations, but he passed them over without making any effort to reply. The letter of Governor Hatfield to Cornwell, which was published in the local newspapers yesterday, is as follows:

"Charleston, W. Va.,

"October 25, 1916.

"Mr. John J. Cornwell,

"Charleston, W. Va.

"Dear Sir: You have recently refused to accept my challenge to meet me in joint debate for a discussion of the issues of the campaign in West Virginia, which you have seen fit to raise. By reason of the fact that you made certain statements regarding the present state administration and you have refused to meet me for a discussion of the statements I desire to submit to you the following questions, and I hope that it will be your pleasure to deal with them in your speech in this city.

"Very truly yours,

"H. D. HATFIELD.

The following are the questions that were submitted to Mr. Cornwell:

"You have in your present contest for governor attempted to sustain your forecast when a candidate for the same office in 1904 of the failure of the Dawson tax system, at which time you opposed tax reform and have declared that the predictions made in your former contest have been realized. If so how do you explain this record fact?

"The average last ten years of Democratic administration in West Virginia for state and state school tax was thirty-five cents, twenty-five cents for state and ten cents for school purposes, making a total of thirty-five cents, while under the last ten years of Republican administration the average direct tax for state and state school purposes was 5.9 on the \$100 sending back three and one-half cents of this 5.9 levy for the support of the free school system, leaving 2.4 for the maintenance of the state government.

"The direct tax collected in 1897, the last year of the Democratic administration, was \$547,000 on a twenty-five cent direct levy on the 100 valuation.

"In 1916 a five and one-half cent levy out of the nine cents was laid for state purposes, which raised \$643,000, only \$88,000 more than was raised by the twenty-five cent levy for the same purpose in 1897, notwithstanding our state institutions have more than trebled in capacity, with nine additional new state institutions together with the creation of the tax commissioners office, board of control, compensation department, public service commission, agricultural department, health department and with an increase in our state's population of 800,000.

"How do you account for the fact that only \$96,000 more in direct levy was necessary to take care of all this progress, if the Dawson tax laws have proved to be a failure, as you would

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AMERICA EFFICIENT.

There is a way in which we can protect ourselves. We must have an absence of waste and greater efficiency. We must have a more businesslike administration and we must try to conserve and eliminate every extravagant outlay. We must have that kind of administration that will make America efficient, just as efficient as any of these nations now displaying such talent for organization in the midst of the world's contest.—CHARLES E. HUGHES.

RECKLESS DRIVING

Cause of George Roy Miles' Death Says Coroner's Jury Following Investigation.

Fast and reckless driving on the part of Dominick Burgess caused the death of George Roy Miles, twelve year old school boy who was killed by the Burgess auto at Industrial Sunday afternoon, according to the verdict handed down by a coroner's jury which had been investigating the case for several days, at the close of the hearing Wednesday evening.

Burgess, who had been arrested on a murder charge preferred by the boy's father, will be arraigned in Magistrate T. G. Nicewarner's court at 10 o'clock Saturday morning for a preliminary hearing.

CARS RESUME

Running in Yonkers After an Interruption of More Than a Month Caused by Strike.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS) YONKERS, N. Y., Oct. 26.—With four policemen on each car and with citizens warned by a proclamation by Mayor Lennon to keep off the streets, transit service was resumed by the Yonkers Railway Company Thursday after an interruption of more than a month caused by a strike.

The trips of the first cars were not attended by violence. Citizens refused to ride, apparently fearing trouble. Automobiles filled with police moved in front of and behind each car.

ROOSEVELT

Compliments the State of Iowa as One of "Intense Americanism."

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS) CLINTON, Ia., Oct. 26.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, speaking from the rear platform of his train here Thursday, complimented Iowa as a state of "intense Americanism," where men and women "are willing to encounter risks and make an effort for their convictions."

"I don't want a fight," he continued. "I will do everything possible to keep out of a fight but I don't believe in hitting softly. When you've got to hit a man knock him out."

BODIES NOT FOUND.

(SPECIAL TO THE TELEGRAM) FAIRMONT, Oct. 26.—Rescue parties working under federal and state mine officials in the Jamison mine at Barracksville in an effort to recover the bodies of the six miners yet entombed have penetrated the greater part of the mine, and so far no trace of the missing men has been found. Officials state that by tonight they will be able to reach the bottom of the mine where they expect to find the bodies of the men, whom they believe were suffocated by the fumes.

CHILDREN RAISE CHARITY MONEY

Thanks is Returned to Those Who Give before Canvassers Arrive.

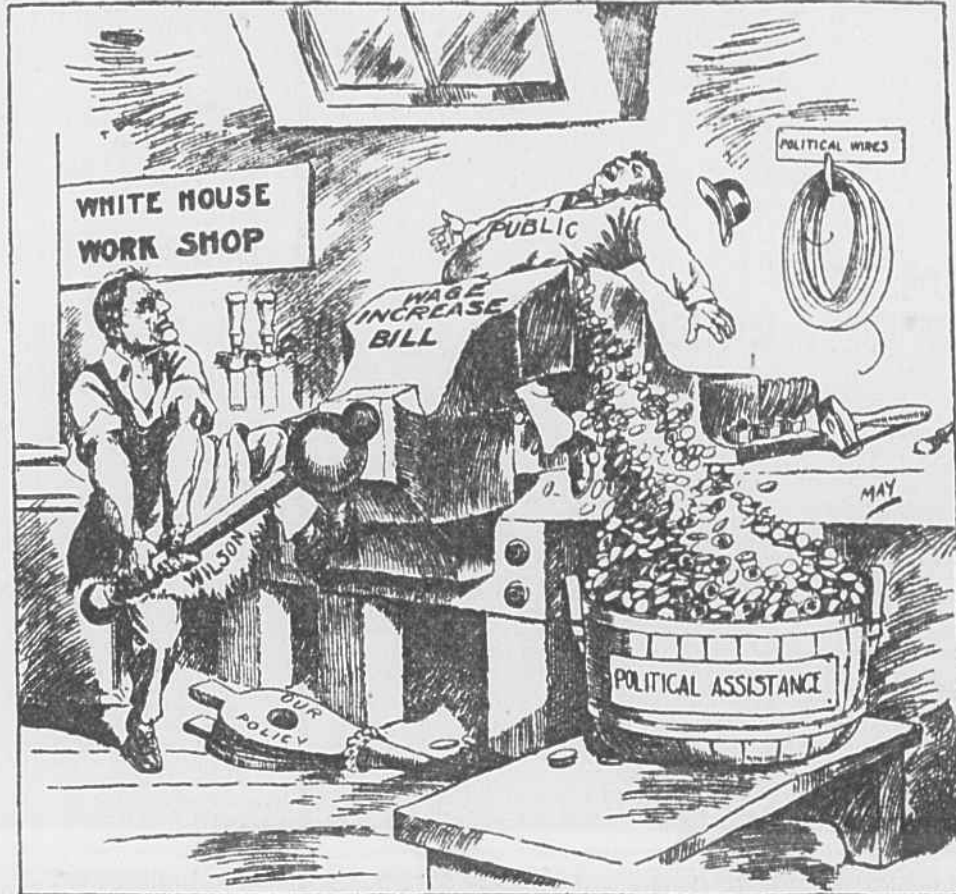
It is the desire of the Associated Charities to thank those who have not waited to be personally implored by a canvasser, especially the private families and individuals, who have sent in their subscriptions to this most worthy cause. They have shown a most commendable spirit.

If every family in Clarksburg that is able, would, as a family or as individual members of the family, make a donation, however small, to this cause, together with the substantial subscriptions of the business men, these would place the organization on a basis to do a larger work than ever before during the ensuing year.

A most pleasing and encouraging report has just come to headquarters. A certain Sabbath school class of

SPEAKING AT WILSONBURG.

A political meeting to be held this evening in the school house at Wilsonburg will be addressed by a number of the Republican county candidates. Reports to Chairman Roy E. Parrish today were to the effect that a large crowd will attend the rally.



"SQUEEZING THE PUBLIC FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE FAVORED FEW."

Cartoon by TOM MAY

FRENCH TROOPS ARE ABOUT TO CAPTURE THE VAUX FORT

As They Are Following Up as Fast as They Can Advantages Gained in Sweep.

GERMANS REACT SLOWLY

Reports of French Casualties at Hand Show Them to Be Very Light.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS) PARIS, Oct. 26.—The French troops at Verdun are following up as fast as they can the advantage gained by their sudden forward sweep on Tuesday and according to the latest information have closed in to within less than 500 yards of Vaux fort. Announcement of the capture is momentarily expected here, thus completely restoring the French line held on February 25.

The German forces at Verdun are reacting so slowly and with such apparent lack of strength that in the opinion of French military men they no longer possess a general reserve but are obliged to withdraw men from one section of the front to reinforce another section in case of need.

Reports of the casualties, which are now in hand, show the French losses were very light indeed, considerably less than the number of prisoners taken and a large proportion of them was of cases in which the men were slightly wounded.

Considerable material was captured. The Germans had massed guns of calibers in the Ravine of Death, all of which fell into the hands of the French.

The three lieutenant generals, who under the command of General Mangin led the attacking divisions, were all lieutenant colonels at the outbreak of the war and had been singled out by General Joffre for promotion on account of their technical ability, energy and initiative.

MOUNT IS CAPTURED BY THE ROUMANIANS

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS) BUCHAREST, Oct. 26.—The capture by the Roumanians of Mount Kerkhars on the Transylvanian front south of Blaz was announced Thursday by the war office. In the Olutz valley fighting continues beyond the Roumanian frontier.

The Austro-German forces have not been driven everywhere beyond the western frontier of Moldavia, the northern province of Roumania, the statement says. Their losses were very heavy.

CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE INFLICTED BY SEAPLANES

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS) LONDON, Oct. 26.—Attacks on the Constantinople-Saloniki railroad by British seaplanes have inflicted considerable damage, the admiralty announced Thursday. The statement follows:

"On October 23 and 24 attacks by

Important Meeting of Hughes Club Tonight

Extensive preparations for winding up the Republican campaign with one of the biggest political rallies in the history of the county will be made at a meeting of the Harrison county Hughes club to be held at 8 o'clock this evening in the organization's headquarters in the Gore building on Second street.

Other important matters pertaining to the conduct of the campaign will also be discussed at this meeting, and every member is urged to be in attendance.

"SPIRITUAL UNITY" URGED BY WILSON

Whatever That is in the Political Life of the Nation, in a Campaign Speech.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS) CINCINNATI, Oct. 26.—President Wilson, speaking at Cincinnati's reception to him at the chamber of commerce here Thursday urged the need for "spiritual unity" on the part of the people of the United States to prepare for greater work ahead of the nation.

The president and Mrs. Wilson accompanied by a large committee, walked a block from the hotel to the chamber of commerce for the official reception ceremonies. The hall was packed with people. Mayor George Puchta extending "a cordial welcome," said the people of Cincinnati are among the most loyal in the nation.

"I cannot say I feel strange in Cincinnati because so many of my early recollections are connected with this great state," responded the president.

"Seriously speaking, there are a great many things Ohio reminds one of that are the essence of American life. Therefore, whenever I come into Ohio some of the zest of the history of America gets into my blood. There is no zest in monopoly. The real zest is to feel that you are a great part of a great company of people working for human liberty."

"The problem now is to have a spiritual bond of unity joining us from coast to coast."

"Every man has the task of believing in himself what he would have the whole world believe the United States to be. Our tasks are to be much greater in the future."

"We have got to make a team of

COWBOY ESCORT.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS) CHICAGO, Oct. 26.—A squadron of cowboy cavalry recruited from the stockyards will escort Col. Theodore Roosevelt from his hotel to the pavilion in the stockyards district where he will deliver an address tonight. The pavilion has been arranged to seat 16,000 persons.

BURNING HOUSE IS HAULED AWAY.

WHEELING, Oct. 26.—John Lukens, a miner of Warwood, two miles from here, placed three cans of powder alongside a coal stove in his home at night and then went out to supper. Sometime later the powder becoming overheated, exploded with terrific force, blowing out the kitchen and setting fire to the other portion of the house. Flames communicated to two adjoining dwellings, but these were saved by volunteer firemen. The firemen also placed a steel cable about Lukens's home and hauled the burning building into the road to prevent the flames again igniting the nearby buildings. Some of the firemen were slightly burned in fighting the flames.

PUZZLED

Are Observers over the Reports Showing Presence of Mexican Families in Texas.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS) WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.—Official reports received here showing that members of the Carranza-Trujino-Oregon-Huerta and Madero families are now in San Antonio, Tex., have puzzled observers seeking an explanation of the gathering in the United States of non-combatant Mexicans. The reports do not explain their presence.

It is agreed in official circles that the military situation in Chihuahua state has been made highly uncertain by renewed band its activities. Despite persistent reports that Villa is personally leading his men against the Carranza garrison at Chihuahua City, neither the state nor war departments have received convincing reports that he is alive.

HUGHES

Leaves City of New York on the Last Trip of His Presidential Campaign.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS) NEW YORK, Oct. 26.—Charles E. Hughes left here today for the last trip of his presidential campaign. His program called for three speeches today at Hartford, Providence and Boston, where there will be an evening meeting.

Mr. Hughes will not return to New York City until November 3. His itinerary calls for four days in New York state, exclusive of Sunday, one in Ohio and two in Indiana.

COLORADO

Woman Will Speak on Equal Suffrage and Socialism at Court House.

Mary L. Geffs, a noted platform orator of Colorado, has been engaged by the Socialist party to deliver a public address Sunday afternoon in the court house here. Equal suffrage and advanced Socialistic political claims will be fully discussed and explained by this speaker.

The meeting will begin at 2:30 o'clock. It will be free and a cordial invitation is extended to the general public.

BIG GUSHER.

(SPECIAL TO THE TELEGRAM) FAIRMONT, Oct. 26.—Oil well No. 3 on the Fred W. Bartlett lease on the C. E. Watson farm in Mannington district, Marion county, came in at noon Thursday and is producing 100 barrels per hour in the thirty foot sand. The first gusher drilled in this sand a few weeks ago is now producing 275 barrels per day.

MISS TAMPA NIXON KILLED INSTANTLY

When Struck by Fast Passenger Train near the Railroad Station at Bristol.

Miss Tampa Nixon, aged 33 years, of Bristol, was killed instantly at 6:35 o'clock Wednesday evening when she stepped in front of No. 55, fast Baltimore and Ohio passenger train, at the west-end crossing at Bristol. Miss Nixon was knocked seventy-five feet by the train. Her head was crushed and both arms were broken.

Miss Nixon and Miss Lucy Nixon, an adopted child, who made her home with the Nixon family, had been shopping in Salem and had made the trip from Salem to Bristol in a taxi. The taxi pulled up alongside the railroad track at the west end of the railroad station and Miss Lucy Nixon stepped out of the car and crossed the tracks. Miss Tampa, who stopped to pay the taxi driver started to cross the track

and was in the center of it, when she heard the train. She became excited and before she made any move to get off the track, the train struck her. Persons standing on the station platform at the time the accident occurred said Miss Nixon could not hear the approaching train for the noise made by the engine of the taxi, and seeing that her adopted sister had reached the other side in safety, she started across the track. If she had not stopped, in all probability she would have had reached the other side in safety.

The body was taken to her home and prepared for burial. The funeral arrangements will not be announced until relatives living out of the state are heard from. Surviving relatives of the deceased woman are Mrs. J. T. Nixon, her mother; Mrs. Lucy McElroy, of this city; another sister who lives in Virginia, and Charles Nixon, of Huntington, a brother.

Original Letters between Wilson and Edgar Lavery Are Made Public.

WILSON'S ATTITUDE BITTER

Letter in Answer to Lavery's Reveals Wilson More Opposed Than Sermon Shows.

(SPECIAL TO THE TELEGRAM) NEW YORK, Oct. 26.—The Republican national committee calls public attention to correspondence between Edgar R. Lavery of this city and Woodrow Wilson immediately after the baccalaureate address of President Wilson before the graduating class of Princeton University in 1909, in which Mr. Wilson said:

"You know what the usual standard of the employee is in our day. It is to give as little as he may for his wages. Labor is standardized by the trades-unions, and this is the standard to which it is made to conform. No one is suffered to do more than the average workman can do; in some trades and handicrafts no one is suffered to do more than the least skillful of his fellows can do within the hours allotted to a day's labor, and no one may work out of hours at all or volunteer anything beyond the minimum."

"I need not point out how economically disastrous such a regulation of labor is. It is so unprofitable to the employer that in some trades it will presently not be worth his while to attempt anything at all. He had better stop altogether than operate at an inevitable and invariable loss."

"The labor of America is rapidly becoming unprofitable under its present regulation by these who have determined to reduce it to a minimum."

"Our economic supremacy may be lost because the country grows more and more full of unprofitable servants."

Immediately after the above address at Princeton, Mr. Edgar R. Lavery, of New York City, sent the following letter to Mr. Woodrow Wilson:

"New York City, June 16, 1909.
"Hon. Woodrow Wilson,
"President Princeton University,
"Princeton, N. J.
"Dear Sir:—

"In the New York times of June 14, which purports to give extracts of your baccalaureate address to the students of Princeton University you are quoted as follows:

"You know what the usual standard of the employee is in our day. It is to give as little as he may for his wages."
"Labor is standardized by the trades unions and this is the standard to which it is made to conform. No one is suffered to do more than the average workman can do. In some trades and handicrafts no one is suffered to do more than the least skillful of his fellows can do within the hours allotted to a day's labor, and no one may work out of hours at all or volunteer anything beyond the minimum."

"Now, your reported remarks strike me as being so extraordinary—so different from what I, as a member of organized labor, had found to be the facts—that I feel impelled to ask you if the foregoing paragraph is a correct report of what you said."

"If you are correctly quoted, I should like to have you give me your authority for your statement that in labor unions no one is suffered to do more than the average workman can do." Also give the names of a few trades or handicrafts where "no one is suffered to do more than the least skillful of his fellows can do within the hours allotted to a day's labor, and no one may work out of hours at all or volunteer anything beyond the minimum."

"As a matter of course a president of a university of the reputed standing of Princeton would not make statements in his baccalaureate address unless he knows, or at least fully believes that his statements are true. Therefore it ought not to be a difficult matter for you to oblige me with the names of these labor unions whose laws or even policies bring about the results you specify. Awaiting your reply with lively interest, I am,

"Very truly yours,
"(Signed) EDGAR R. LAVERY.
"Care Evening Telegram,
"New York City."

To the above letter Mr. Wilson replied as follows:

"Princeton University,
"Princeton, N. J., June 18, 1909.
"My Dear Sir:—

"Your letter of June 16th contains a very proper challenge. I quite agree with you that I ought not to make the statements I did make about the trades unions, unless I were able to cite cases in verification of my statement."

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HOW THE DEMOCRATS ARE BRINGING DOWN THE COST OF LIVING.

CHARLESTON, Oct. 26.—Flour has been advanced fifty cents a barrel by local wholesale men this week. Fair grades are retailing at \$11 a barrel, the highest price paid for this commodity in the Kanawha valley since a short time after the Civil war.